# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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WATER CRISIS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
CHADA SURESH REDDY;SUKDEO PASWAN;VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of severe water crisis in various parts of the country especially in Godavari and Telangana regions of Andhra Pradesh on account of scanty rainfall;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the short term and long term measures proposed to be taken to overcome the water crisis ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) During the current year, the overall live storage in 70 major reservoirs of the country, which are being monitored by Central Water Commission and comprise 74% of the total live storage created in the country, is better than the last year, even though it is less than average storage of last ten years. In the five major reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh with combined live storage capacity of 20.10 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) as against total live storage capacity of 24.85 BCM created in Andhra Pradesh, the overall storage as on 4-4-2002 is 129% of the last year's storage on the corresponding day. The storages in Srisailam, Sriramsagar and Lower Manair in Telengana region are 95%, 172% and 79% respectively of the long term average storage in these reservoirs.

(c) In order to augment the availability of water for various uses and their efficient use, schemes are planned, investigated, formulated, implemented and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. To help the State Governments in their efforts to harness the water from natural resources and accelerate creation of irrigation potential by early completion of ongoing schemes, Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97, Government of India is also promoting rain water harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting under the sector reform project of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme of the Ministry of Rural Development, for which technical and financial assistance is provided t o the State Governments and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water Board has also taken up pilot studies for artificial recharge o f ground water. For meeting future requirements of water, as a long term measure, National Water Development Agency have formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins.